STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; World Milk Day was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to bring global attention to activities connected to the dairy industry; and

WHEREAS; known as "America's Dairyland," Wisconsin is recognized both nationally and globally for its achievements in dairy production, processing, research, and technology; and

WHEREAS; every year, our state's hardworking and dedicated dairy farmers produce over 30 billion pounds of milk—or over 14 percent of all milk produced in the United States—and contribute more than \$45 billion to our economy; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that while our farmers work tirelessly to put food on our tables and keep the shelves at our grocery stores stocked, their industry and livelihoods continue to face difficult challenges, which have only been exacerbated by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has been proud to support the well-being of our farmers and the dairy industry as a whole, including through the Wisconsin Farm Support Program, which has to date helped more than 20,000 farmers across our state receive direct assistance, and the Dairy Processor grant program, which aims to foster innovation, improve profitability, and sustain the long-term viability of Wisconsin's dairy processing facilities, among many other measures; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's dairy industry is our past, present, and it will be our future, and the resilience of our dairy community has never been more evident; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the efforts of dairy farmers across our state and commends the outstanding contributions of our dairy industry to our state, our country, and the global community;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2022, as

WORLD MILK DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of May 2022.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State